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Carter And The Governorship

As far as is known here, there was no occasion for the resignation of Governor Carter—the people of Hawaii would very much like to know what the occasion was, for there are hints of some mysterious "policy" with regard to the affairs of the Territory which Carter feared he could not carry out for Roosevelt, and citizens of the Territory are naturally anxious to know what is to be done with them by the powers that be. Having offered the resignation and announced it, Carter did not seem to be in a very dignified position when he assumed to reconsider without any real change having occurred in the state of affairs which apparently brought forth the carefully considered resignation. However, that phase of the matter has passed now, and it is an accepted fact that Carter is to continue as governor and with the continued support of President Roosevelt, which few if any people here ever doubted his having. It is altogether likely that the unquestionable record of a satisfactory administration of the affairs of his office, as viewed both in the Interior Department and by the President, weighed heavily in the consideration of the matter at Washington, for there is much in the Carter administration which has been of great benefit to the Territory.

Governor Carter will come back here and find that as executive he will have the support of the best part of the community—as he always had until his actions affronted a large element of those most loyal to him. In the cable report of his present position, there is a hinted threat which may or not mean much. Carter told the Associated Press that "he did not hope for an early restoration of harmony in Hawaii." This might be taken as a threat to come back here with the renewed assurances of presidential support and fight for revenge on his local opponents. It will be unfortunate if this proves to be the case. There has already been a "restoration of harmony in Hawaii" and the late unpleasantness need not be revived. If the chief executive of the islands is to continue the notion of driving out of office and public life all those of whom he does not approve, there will indeed be no early restoration of harmony in Hawaii after his return.

Hawaiian business interests feel satisfied at the settlement of the uncertainties. They are satisfied with the way matters were settled, for they know that the affairs of the administration are in safe business hands when handled by George R. Carter. The Star said during the campaign, when it was opposing the ideas and methods for which Carter stood, that he had more support in the community than the vote was going to indicate. This has been amply shown by the vote and the events which followed the announcement of a resignation. The governor is to be congratulated on this fact and he is certainly to be congratulated on the confidence shown in him by President Roosevelt. Hawaii is quite prepared to drop politics and give greeting to a governor whom it knows to be devoted to public interests and able both by reason of natural ability and of his strong support at Washington, to do much for the islands.

Sampson And Newspapermen

A writer in the Sunday Advertiser last Sunday made some remarks about the late Admiral Sampson which were not complimentary, to say the least, to that officer. In this morning's Advertiser W. R. Castle, in a communication, warmly defends Admiral Sampson. The merits of this controversy, it is not proposed, at this time to consider. But Mr. Castle's zeal for Admiral Sampson has made slanderous accusations against the whole profession of newspapermen. Admitting, by inference, that Admiral Sampson was not what is understood by a "popular" man, Mr. Castle seeks, by inference and innuendo, to blame the newspapermen for it, and to defend Sampson, because the public is not attracted by those traits which he admits Sampson had, he accuses the whole newspaper fraternity of malice, and by necessary deduction, of readiness to bear false witness, of disloyalty to country, even of willingness to betray country. What Mr. Castle says on this point is this:

"Sampson was of a modest and exceedingly reserved nature. He was something of a martinet in his strict observance of naval etiquette and discipline, and this was counted against him. He knew how to keep his own counsel. Naturally this won him the cordial enmity of the newspaper fraternity, for nothing is of such overwhelming importance to them as to publish news of the army and navy, even more in war times than in peace. It is of more importance to publish the plans of a campaign, even if the country is seriously injured, than to refrain. It is of secondary importance that the army suffers defeat, because the plans are made known to the people, and incidentally to the enemy."

This is simply repeating an ignorant and malicious slander. The best proof of it is that there cannot be named a single newspaperman who has risen to prominence in his profession who is not in his character and work the complete refutation of everything stated or implied in this querulous accusation of Mr. Castle's. Among newspapermen as among lawyers, there are some who have low ideals and resort to sharp and underhanded practices. But speaking of them as a body, there is not any class of men in the world who carry inviolable so many confidences of others; who are trusted with secrets of supreme importance with no other guarantee than their own professional and personal honor.

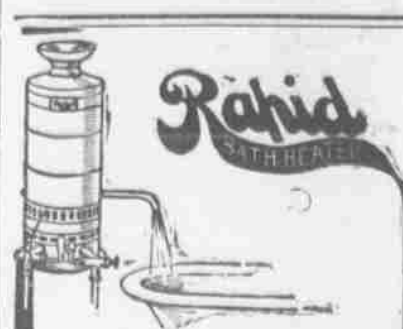
No one has the contempt of the newspaperman so certainly as the man in important position who is a babler, loquacious, or even who is not self-contained. The newspaperman does not seek to know the individual's secrets, but only those things which the public is entitled to know. The obligations of truthfulness, of honor, or probity, of loyalty to country are just as sacred to the newspaperman as to any other, and so far as accuracy is an element of truth, and the inviolability of confidence an element of honor, there is no class of men who, as a class, have as high a regard for them as newspapermen.

Will Mr. Castle just stop to think for a minute what it means to direct his accusation, as he does by its terms, against such men as the late John Hay, whose first direct public influence was as a newspaperman; against Whitelaw Reid, our ambassador to Great Britain; against Charles Emory Smith, former minister to Russia, and later postmaster general; against a score of other men who have risen to similar distinction. Will he stop to think for a minute what it means to direct his accusation against such men as William E. Curtis, who has been the depository of more confidences of statecraft and of war plans, than probably any adviser any President has had in the past twenty years; against Walter Wellman, against Frederick Palmer, against Oscar K. Davis, of the New York Sun, against Richard Harding Davis, against Ned Hamilton of the Examiner; against George Ade or John T. McCutcheon; against a score of others who have made honorable names for themselves in the past seven or eight years.

Will he just stop to think what it means to make the accusation against the scores of newspapermen throughout the length and breadth of America, each in his own community, trusted with confidence as no

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Other set of men, not even lawyers, are. The truth about men in public life does not suffer at the hands of newspapermen because of unfortunate temperament, reserve, modesty or timidity, except as those qualities usually do obscure from all observers more important qualities. Admiral Sampson was not the victim of newspapermen.

Open letter to Captain Berger: "Dear Captain, Why not play 'Carter, Carter, Oh, you Governor Carter.' Haf you noticed that he is not going to resign already yet?"

It is entirely in keeping for the Home Rule party to plan for perpetuity by a continuous campaign of oratory.

With the reputation he has acquired with his hunch, Governor Jack ought to be able to sell tips on the races.

The letter to Land Commissioner Pratt from the man who wants to start a silk factory sounds very much like the appeal to Andrew Carnegie of the man who wanted funds to start an orphan asylum, and finally compromised on a second-hand suit of clothes.

The spectacle of Senator Hewitt, Dr. Thompson and Miss Ben Taylor stripping cane in the field would look like the system of producing sugar cane had been revolutionized.

A fire that killed twelve people and destroyed a half a million dollars worth of property would make most small places feel that they were humble, whether that was their name before or not. Still, Humble, Texas, sounds more like a joke, than it does like Texas.

How much of that 2,500,000 barrels of oil that burned at Humble, Texas, yesterday belonged to John D. Rockefeller?

Seaman Whitlock, charged with desertion from the Bennington, may not be in a very happy plight; but still, doubtless, he finds some satisfaction in it.

Forecastle talk and what an alleged deserter says the Chief Machinist said of the condition of the Bennington's boilers, may not count for much, but if the investigation into the causes of the Bennington disaster is to be thorough, account of it, for what it is worth, must be taken.

High Sheriff Henry says that convicts must work if they want to keep healthy. But it is suspected that there are some who do not ask to be too healthy.

If either President Roosevelt or Governor Carter expects a state of harmony in which there shall not be keen struggle for political supremacy, political preferment, and political power in Hawaii, or any other American community, they are looking for the millennium a long time ahead of schedule time.

Admiral Lord Charles Borensford, who has sent the condolence of the British

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Mediterranean fleet for the Bennington disaster has been in Honolulu at least twice. Once was many years ago when he was a young officer, and was required to nail up the sign over the American Consulate which had been torn down by Young British officers of whom he was supposed to have been one. The other was about seven years ago when he was passing through here on the way home from the Orient.

W. W. Dudley, who has been engaged as counsel in the contest of Delegate Kalaniana'ole's sent in Congress, is the Indiana man who gained a national reputation in 1888 in connection with the presidential election in that state, and was known for years afterwards as "Bucks of Five" Dudley.

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